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SUBJ: MALAGASY VIEWS ON VIETNAMESE AND KOREAN ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: MOFA DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS HAS INDICATED NO RPT NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO RECEIVING GVN ENVOYS. MATTER COMPLICATED, HOWEVER, BY GOMR SENSITIVITY TO CRITICISM FROM LEFT DURING PERIOD PRIOR OCT 21 ELECTIONS. MOFA AGREES GRP NON-ALIGNED, BUT IN VIEW ANTI-WEST ATTITUDES OF SO MANY NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, IT NOT SURE FACT IS PERTINENT AND PROBABLY WILL NOT RPT NOT COMMIT ITSELF BEFORE ALGIERS CONFERENCE. GOMR IS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED BY ALLEGED LONG STANDING ROK CLUMSINESS IN ATTEMPTS GET SUPPORT. THEREFORE, OUTLOOK FOR SUPPORT OF ROK POSITIONS NOT RPT NOT FAVORABLE. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING AUG 17 MEETING WITH MOFA DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS RATSIMANDRESY ON WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS (SEPTELS), DCM RAISED  
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QUESTION OF GVN DESIRE SEND ENVOYS TO PRESENT ITS POSITION ON PRG

ADMISSION TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS. EXPLAINED UNDERSTANDING THAT GVN HAD RECEIVED NO RPT NO RESPONSE TO MESSAGES PROPOSING VISIT TO TANANARIVE. USED OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS USG POSITION THAT GRP COULD SCARCELY QUALIFY AS NON-ALIGNED NATION. ALSO LEFT COPY OF ENCLOSURE REF C TO HELP FORESTALL GOMR FOLLOWING SENEGALESE SUIT IN RECOGNITION GRP.

3. RATSIMANDRESY AGREED IMMEDIATELY WITH LOGIC OF USG POSITION THAT GRP NOT RPT NOT NON-ALIGNED. HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED SAME VIEW FONMIN RATSIRAKA HAD TO SECTY ROGERS DURING RECENT VISIT TO WASH, I.E. MOST SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED NATIONS ARE ACTUALLY ANTI-WEST, AND THAT IS ONE REASON MADAGASCAR WANTS TO BE IN SUFFICIENTLY STRONG DEFENSE POSITION TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FROM NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO THOSE FOLLOWING COURSE OF REAL NEUTRALITY.

4. RATSIMANDRESY WAS SURE RATSIRAKA AS WELL AS HIMSELF HAD NO RPT NO PERSONAL OBJECTION TO VISIT OF GVN ENVOYS, WOULD EVEN WELCOME THEM SINCE SVN IS POTENTIAL RICE SUPPLIER. HOWEVER, NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE COMES BEFORE OCT 21 ELECTIONS FOR POPULAR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (ADVISORY BODY DURING FIVE YEAR INTERIM CONSTITUTION), AND HE HAD IMPRESSION GOMR HAS DECIDED ALL VISITS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER ELECTIONS. HE REITERATED HIS OFT-STATED POSITION THAT GOVT WISHES TO AVOID CAUSE FOR CRITICISM FROM PRO-SOVIET AKFM AND URBAN MAOISTS, PARTICULARLY DURING ELECTION CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

5. RATSIMANDRESY STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR GVN TO PREPARE EVENTUAL DIPLOMATIC MISSION CAREFULLY AND NOT RPT NOT JUST ARRIVE ON SCENE AS SOUTH KOREANS HAD (SEE BELOW). DCM INDICATED US EMBASSY MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL FOR PASSING MESSAGE TO MALAGASY MOFA, AND RATSIMANDRESY DID NOT RPT NOT INDICATE ANY OBJECTION.

6. EMBASSY SEES NO RPT NO HARM IN GVN TRYING TO REINITIATE VISIT OF ENVOYS BUT BELIEVES CHANCES OF THEIR BEING RECEIVED BEFORE OCT 21 ARE NO RPT NO BETTER THAN FIFTY-FIFTY. EMBASSY ASSUMES GVN IN NO RPT NO POSITION MAKE EVEN TOKEN OFFERING OF RICE DURING FORTHCOMING PERIOD (UP TO MAY 1974) OF CRITICAL RICE SHORTAGE, BUT IF IT EVEN PREPARED DISCUSS LONGER RANGE PROSPECTS, CHANCES OF MISSION SUCCEEDING WOULD BE ENHANCED.

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7. DURING DISCUSSION OF GVN-GRP ISSUE, RATSIMANDRESY MENTIONED GOMR IS EVEN MORE ANNOYED THAN EVER WITH ROK. HE RECALLED EARLIER DISCUSSION WHEN HE FIRST MENTIONED (AT TIME GOMR ANNOYED THAT ROK HAD WAITED UNTIL NORTH KOREA HAD ISSUED INVITATION TO FONMIN FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISSUE ONE OF THEIR OWN) THAT ROK HAD OFFERED \$50,000 CYCLONE RELIEF ASSISTANCE JUST BEFORE KOREA ISSUE CAME UP IN GA. AS SOON AS VOTE WAS OVER, HE SAID, NOTHING MORE WAS HEARD

OF OFFER. MALAGASY CANNOT BE BOUGHT AND CERTAINLY NOT RPT NOT FOR \$50,000 WHICH NEVER EVEN MATERIALIZES. ANNOYANCE WITH ROK NOW COMPOUNDED BY RECENT VISIT OF ROK MISSION WHILE FONMIN AND HE ON VISIT TO U.S. MINISTRY RECEIVED WORD FROM MALAGASY CONSULATE GENERAL/NAIROBI THAT MISSION COMING JUST FEW HOURS BEFORE ARRIVED. NOTHING AT ALL HAD COME FROM SOUTH KOREANS THEMSELVES. CONGEN HAS BEEN SERIOUSLY REPRIMANDED. ACCORDING TO RATSIMANDRESY, ONLY REASON ROK MISSION WAS RECEIVED BY MOFA SEC GEN IS THAT HE NICE MAN. IF THEY HAD SHOWED UP LIKE THAT WHILE RATSIMANDRESY IN CHARGE, THEY WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE SEEN ANYONE HIGHER THAN UNIT CHIEF. HE STATED FONMIN RATSIRAKA FEELS AS STRONGLY ON SUBJECT OF SOUTH KOREANS AS HE DOES. APPARENTLY ROK HAS ASKED A43MENT FOR AMB, BUT RATSIMANDRESY INSISTS "THEY WILL HAVE TO WAIT AT LEAST 10 YEARS" IF HE

HAS ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT.

8. IN VIEW LONG STANDING MOFA GRUDGE AGAINST ALLEGED ROK CLUMSINESS ("WE DON'T ASK THEM TO BE DIPLOMATIC, JUST PLAIN COURTEOUS"), EMBASSY DOUBTS VERY MUCH THAT GOMR CAN BE PERSUADED SUPPORT ROK POSITION ON ADMISSION TWO KOREAS. GOMR AMB TO UN RABETAFIKA AS MUCH AS SAID SAME RECENTLY TO AMBASSADOR. (SEE ALSO TANANARIVE 1092) RICE, OF COURSE, MIGHT TALK.

9. WE SHALL NONETHELESS PURSUE KOREAN ISSUES RAISED REFTEL B WITH ANOTHER OFFICIAL IN MOFA.  
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